

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/928,511	EJIMA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 18 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 44-62.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 44-62** are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 44, 46, 49, 52-55, 57 and 60, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest that the designation device, which individually selects the displays that express a plurality of pieces of information to be deleted, individually designates the plurality of pieces of information corresponding to the respective selected displays as information to be deleted from among the plurality of groups.

Anderson, US Patent 5,903,309 discloses a camera (Figs. 2 and 3) comprising: image information input means (Fig. 2: 224; col. 3, lines 14-20) that captures an image of an inputs image information; sound information input means (col. 7, lines 4-12) that captures an image of an inputs image information that inputs sound information; storage means (Fig. 3: 354, see also figs. 9 and 10; col. 3, lines 30-50) that stores image information data from the image information input means and sound information data input from the sound information input means, wherein the image information and sound information are associated with each other, in a data storage area; display means (Figs. 4: 402 and 5: 402; col. 4, lines 44-55; col. 6, lines 37-46; col. 6, line 66 – col. 7, line 5) that displays a first display indicating that at least the image information data is stored in the storage means and a second display indicating that at least the sound information

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data is stored in the storage means, each display being in a designatable form; designation means (Figs. 4: 406 and 5: 406; col. 5, lines 1-13) that separately designates at least one display of the first display and the second display displayed in the display means; deletion means (See menu area 4: 410 displaying the operation of a deletion means for the soft key in 4: 12; col. 5, lines 13-22 and lines 56-67) that deletes from the storage means data of information corresponding to the at least one display designated by the designation means. Anderson discloses display control means that deletes from the display means the display designated by the designation means by displaying symbols (Symbols shown in fig. 5) corresponding to each of the two or more of the plurality of different types of information displayed (i.e. image, audio, etc.) by the display means (Col. 5, line 22 – col. 6, line 2).

Anderson, US Patent 6,249,316 B1 discloses a similar embodiment to 5,903,309, wherein when the user selects a piece of information (See fig. 10) to be deleted (Using delete soft key shown in fig. 10: 412), the display shows a dialog asking the user to confirm the deletion (Col. 5, lines 56-67). However, the teaching of Anderson '316 and Anderson '309, either along or in combination fails to teach or reasonably suggest that the designation device, which individually selects the displays that express a plurality of pieces of information to be deleted, individually designates the plurality of pieces of information corresponding to the respective selected displays as information to be deleted from among the plurality of groups.

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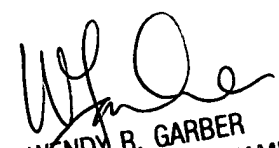
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy R. Garber can be reached on (571) 272-7308. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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